



March 13, 2019

Ex Parte

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §160(c) to Accelerate Investment in Broadband and Next-Generation Networks* (WC Docket No. 18-141)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Monday, March 11, Frank Simone and Keith Krom of AT&T; Nick Alexander of CenturyLink; A.J. Burton of Frontier; and Katharine Saunders and Fred Moacdieh of Verizon, along with the undersigned, met with Nirali Patel, Senior Counsel and Wireline Advisor to Chairman Pai.

During the meeting, we discussed USTelecom's forbearance Petition seeking relief from certain ILEC unbundling and resale obligations.¹ Specifically, we discussed publicly available data and data in the record that supports our request for a finding that Section 251(c) unbundling and resale mandates are no longer necessary to protect consumers and competition. In addition to data included in multiple filings from USTelecom and its members, Form 477 data and information in the Broadband Data Services proceeding demonstrate significant competition for voice and broadband service for consumers and businesses on which the Commission can rely.

We look forward to continue working with the Commission as it further considers USTelecom's Petition.

Sincerely,

/s/ Patrick Halley

Patrick Halley
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cc (via email):

Nirali Patel

¹ Petition for Forbearance of USTelecom – the Broadband Association, WC Docket No. 18-141 (filed May 4, 2018).